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NEW COMMISSONER OF CORRECTION ANNOUNCED

Frank Sizer Retires from Division of Correction and
Assistant Commissioner John Rowley Will Become Acting Commissioner

August 23, 2006 (Towson, MD) – Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services Mary Ann Saar announced today that Frank C. Sizer is retiring from his position as Commissioner of the Maryland Division of Correction (DOC). Mr. Sizer served as Commissioner of DOC for three years. During his eleven years with the DOC, Mr. Sizer served as Warden of the Western Correctional Institution and Deputy Commissioner of the DOC.

Secretary Saar also announced the appointment of John A. Rowley as Acting Commissioner of DOC. "John Rowley started his career with the Maryland Division of Correction more than a year ago," said Secretary Saar. "John began his career in corrections in Pennsylvania where he worked for 25 years. We're delighted that he has agreed to become Acting Commissioner of Correction for Maryland, and I know that his background in both corrections and human resource development will serve him well in his new position."



Other personnel actions announced by the Secretary include –

- Effective August 10, 2006, Assistant Commissioner for Security James Peguese is temporarily assigned to the Maryland House of Correction (MHC) as acting warden, and Assistant Warden Carolyn Atkins is temporarily reassigned to MHC from the Metropolitan Transition Center (MTC). Former MHC Warden William Williams is retiring the end of this month.

- The following appointments were effective July 19, 2006:

-Randy Watson is appointed assistant commissioner – administrative services.

-J. Michael Stouffer, formerly Warden of Maryland Correctional Training Center in Hagerstown is appointed assistant commissioner – western region.

-Paul O'Flaherty is temporarily assigned as acting warden of the Maryland Correctional Training Center

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